

**Remarks**

**A. Pending Claims**

The Office Action states that claims 1-10 are currently pending. Applicant notes that claims 11-20 were added with the Preliminary Amendment filed on March 29, 2002.

Claims 1-7, 11-15, and 20-28 are pending. Claims 8-10 and 16-19 have been cancelled. Claims 21-28 are new.

**B. Restriction**

Applicant hereby elects the claims of Group I, namely claims 1-7, drawn to a semiconductor device, without traverse. Applicant believes that the currently pending claims (including previously presented claims 11-15 and 20 and new claims 21-28) do not contain non-elected subject matter. Applicant reserves the right to file divisional applications capturing the subject matter of the non-elected species.

**C. New Claims**

Applicant submits that new claims 21-28 are linking claims under MPEP 809.03.

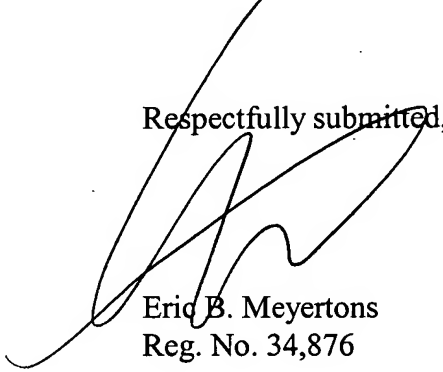
**D. Additional Comments**

Applicant submits that all claims are in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

A fee authorization is enclosed to cover fees for one additional claim. If an extension of time is required, Applicant hereby requests the appropriate extension of time. If additional fees

are required or fees have been overpaid, please appropriately charge or credit those fees to  
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Respectfully submitted,



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